

State of California
Business, Transportation & Housing Agency
Department of Transportation

Prepared by:
Gary R. Winters
Chief
Division of Environmental Analysis
(916) 653-7136

ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS
Comments on Documents in
Circulation
06-TUL-63 PM 5.8/8.0
Action Item

CTC Meeting: January 23-24, 2002

Agenda Item: 2.2.b.

Original signed by
ROBERT L. GARCIA
Chief Financial Officer
January 2, 2002

SUMMARY- DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
ROUTE 63 (MOONEY BOULEVARD) COUNTY OF TULARE

06-TUL-63

North of Packwood Creek to Noble Avenue, City of Visalia, Tulare County.

Proposed Action

Upgrade Route 63 (Mooney Boulevard) from a four to six-lane divided highway

Programming:

Estimated total costs for the build alternative is \$22.5 million. This State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) project is programmed for environmental, right-of-way acquisition and design as \$6.5 million in the Tulare County Association of Government's 2000 Federal Transportation Improvement Program. Construction was estimated to be \$16.0 million in 1999, and is currently planned to begin in FY 2004/2005 provided that Tulare County Association of Governments programs construction capital and support.

Alternatives Being considered:

- No-build
- Widen existing highway from four to six-lanes with additional right-of-way takes for bus turnouts, dual left turns, right turn lanes, wider curb radii, and ADA ramps.

Potential Significant Environmental Effects:

- Right-of-way with building, access and parking stall takes
- Landscaping/aesthetics

Proposed Measures to Minimize Harm:

- Realignment to reduce right-of-way impacts and relocation assistance through the Relocation Assistance Program
- Highway median plantings

ON STATE ROUTE (SR) 63 IN THE CITY OF VISALIA, TULARE COUNTY
From the North Side of Packwood Creek to Noble Avenue

